

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 961

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Andrea Stefek of Hendersonville High School upon being named the Tennessee Soccer Player of the Year.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly will pause to commend those athletes whose prowess upon the fields of play is deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Stefek is one such young athlete, a young woman whose dedication to and ability in the sport of soccer is matched by few and has garnered her the honor of being named Tennessee Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Miss Stefek has brought great honor to this State through her magnificent exploits on the soccer pitch; her supreme skill and competitive drive precipitated remarkable success, both individually and for her team; and

WHEREAS, after scoring 43 goals during her extraordinary senior season, she was recognized as a member of two all-state teams and the Adidas All-American Team and was selected as the Player of the Year on the 2003 *Star News* All-County Team; and

WHEREAS, her scoring touch, great hustle, and leadership enabled the Hendersonville High Lady Commandos to post a 23-3-3 record during an unforgettable season that culminated with the team's first berth in the state tournament since 1995; and

WHEREAS, at the Class AAA tournament in Chattanooga, Andrea Stefek scored all but one of her team's goals, including the lone goal in the championship game, which allowed the Lady Commandos to return to Hendersonville as State Champions; and

WHEREAS, the championship provided the penultimate highlight in Miss Stefek's incredible season; it is the current pinnacle of a soccer career that began in the second grade and advanced through recreational leagues and travel squads over the years before she earned

a position on the varsity squad as a freshman, a feat rarely accomplished in high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Hendersonville Head Coach Russ Plummer said of his star player, "Andrea is such a hard worker. She has a tremendous attitude and work ethic and is the type of player that everything she does is always team first and not focused on individual honors"; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Stefek's selfless spirit and dedication to the common good is indicative of the spirit that won Tennessee acclaim as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, a testimony to the benefits of determination, practice, and hard work, her accomplishments as a scholar and an athlete are worthy of the praise of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and commend Andrea Stefek upon her recognition as the Tennessee Soccer Player of the Year, salute her excellence, and offer our sincerest wishes for every future success in all of her endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.